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1. ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND
CHARGE WYMAN CALLED JUNE 9 ON VICTOR TAYLOR, DEPUTY
HEAD OF MEA'S AFRICA DEPARTMENT, TO MAKE PRESENTATION
ALONG THE LINES OF REFTEL. WILLIAMS WENT OUT OF HIS
WAY TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE UK AND US REGARD THE SALISBURY
AGREEMENT AS SERIOUSLY DEFECTIVE AND HAVE GIVEN IT NO
SUPPORT WHATSOEVER.

2. AT ONE POINT IN THE DISCUSSION WILLIAMS SAID THAT
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GRAHAM AND LOW ARE SEEKING NOT ONLY TO PERSUADE THE
SALISBURY GROUP TO TAKE PART IN AN ALL-PARTIES CON-
FERENCE BUT ALSO TO CONVINCE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT OF
THE DESIREABILITY OF PREPARING THE GROUND IN THEIR
TALKS WITH GRAHAM AND LOW FOR AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE.
TAYLOR SEEMED TROUBLED BY THIS IDEA AND ARGUED THAT
THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS ALREADY IN BASIC AGREEMENT

WITH THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN. WILLIAMS THEN POINTED OUT SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES WHICH STILL REMAIN. CHARGE ASSURED TAYLOR THAT THE EVENT UPON WHICH US/UK EFFORTS ARE CONCENTRATING IS THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE AND POINTED OUT THAT A MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE JOINT PRESENTATION WAS TO SEEK ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE.

3. TAYLOR SAID HE WOULD PASS TO HIGHER AUTHORITY AN ACCOUNT OF THE CONVERSATION AND THE TALKING POINTS LEFT BEHIND. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE US AND UK APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR SPEED IN CONVENING THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE. HE DOUBTED WHETHER THE OAU SUMMIT MEETING IN JULY WOULD ENDORSE THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE CONCEPT IF NO PROGRESS TOWARDS HOLDING IT HAD BEEN MADE BY THAT TIME. WILLIAMS AND CHARGE ASSURED HIM THEIR GOVERNMENTS WERE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO EXPEDITE ITS CONVENING.

4. CHARGE SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED SEPARATELY ON BRONSON DEDE, PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO COMMISSIONER GARBA, AND LEFT HIM A COPY OF JOINT TALKING POINTS. DEDE OBSERVED THAT STATES SUCH AS BENIN, LIBYA AND ALGERIA MIGHT WELL ENDEAVOR TO TORPEDO THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE AT THE MEETING OF THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE IN DAR ES SALAAM ON JUNE 19. WHETHER THEY WOULD SUCCEED IN DOING

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SO MIGHT DEPEND TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE ON WHAT HAD BEEN HEARD FROM SALISBURY BY THEN REGARDING THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE. THINKING OUT LOUD, DEDE SAID THAT GARBA REALLY SHOULD MEET WITH THE NIGERIAN DELEGATES PRIOR TO THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETING TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COOPERATING WITH THE FRONT LINE STATES TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM DERAILING THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE AT THAT MEETING. CHARGE AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL AND ASCERTAINED FROM DEDE THAT GARBA WAS RETURNING TO LAGOS THAT SAME EVENING.

5. COMMENT: IF OUR NEXT BRIEFING OF THE FMG INDICATES THAT THE SALISBURY GROUP HAS TURNED DOWN THE PROPOSAL FOR AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE, THE NIGERIANS WILL BE IMPATIENT TO KNOW HOW WE NEXT PROPOSE TO PROCEED. WYMAN

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